

Air Quality Program Priorities 2001-2003

Program Goals	Program Targets	Performance Measures	Outputs
Goal 1. Prevent Air Quality Problems.	Achieve redesignation of all remaining nonattainment areas by October 2003.	Number of areas redesignated and number of areas remaining to be redesignated to attainment.	Achieve redesignation from "nonattainment" to "maintenance" status of Spokane Carbon Monoxide (CO) by October 2003, and Yakima (CO) by January 2003.
		The percentage of measurements or days with good air quality throughout the state.	Design and implement strategies to address Particulates (PM ₁₀) violations in Colville by August 2002. Update and implement Washington's Natural Events Action Plan (plan to mitigate health-related impacts of windblown dust, wildfires, and other natural events) by August 2002. Design Strategies to address PM ₁₀ violations in Wallula by October 2002.
	Develop a NEWS ¹ program by June 2003 [a method for assessing county by county likelihood of exceeding federal health standards].		Collect risk assessment, monitoring data and modeling results for the NEWS. AIRPACT ⁷ and Regional Technical Center models are tested for feasibility for system use.
	Ensure real-time monitoring network collects reliable, accurate and representative data.		Monitoring network reviewed and approved. Ambient data reported to AIRS ⁶ . Performance audits completed.
Goal 2. Reduce Motor Vehicle Emissions.	Reduce emissions from mobile sources by 5% by 2003.	Percent change (reduction) in mobile source emissions.	Award new Emission Check contract by August 31, 2001. Implement improvements to Emission Check Program by January 2003.
			One or more of the following: Gain authorization to allow additional ways to bring out-of-area vehicles into the Emission Check Program and address diesel particulate by June 2003. Partner with General Administration to target a percentage of new-vehicle purchases to include hybrid or other low emission vehicles. Partner with state and local air agencies and private sector to promote: Diesel retrofitting of public and private fleets, lower volatility gasoline, and ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel in the Pacific Northwest.
Goal 3. Improve Visibility.	Understand cause/effect relationship between sources of emissions and visibility degradation in the Columbia River Gorge and Class 1 areas.	Trends in visibility-impairing pollutants using data from IMPROVE monitoring sites with more than 3 years of data.	Provide staffing and funding to support multi-agency stakeholder consensus process to develop a visibility strategy for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Develop and begin testing method for identifying sources and their contributions to visibility impairment by July 2002.
Goal 4. Reduce Risk from Toxics.	Determine strategies to reduce emissions of priority toxics by July 2003.	Trends in toxic air emissions as reported in TRI ² , NTI ³ or NATA ⁴ .	Develop toxic ranking methodology by December 2001. Determine sources of priority toxics by July 2002. Improve emissions inventory for priority toxic pollutants. Feed data to national toxics databases.
Goal 5. Increase Citizen Awareness.	Increase citizen awareness and involvement in air quality problem-solving in one test community by June 2003.	Citizen surveys that document and track citizens' knowledge and attitudes about air pollution.	Complete baseline survey analysis by December 2001. Complete focus group meetings by June 2002. Complete the design of a community-based marketing and outreach strategy, and implement it in one community by June 2002. Complete post-marketing survey to measure outreach effectiveness by December 2003
Goal 6. Solve Eastern Washington Smoke and Dust Problems.	Total cereal grain burn permit acres are at or below targets established in the MOU ⁵ .	Percent reduction in cereal grain acres burned.	Initiate land-clearing burning permitting program by September 2001. Implement web-enabled permit by Spring 2002. Deliver agricultural burn permit program from Central Regional Office (Yakima) by September 2002.

¹ Nonattainment Early Warning System

² Toxics Release Inventory

³ National Toxics Inventory

⁴ National Air Toxics Assessment

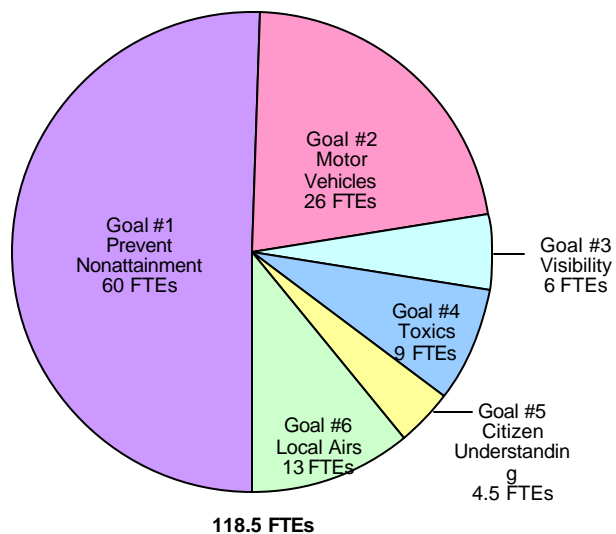
⁵ Memorandum of Understanding

⁶ Aerometric Information Retrieval System

⁷ Air Indicator Report for Public Access and Community Tracking

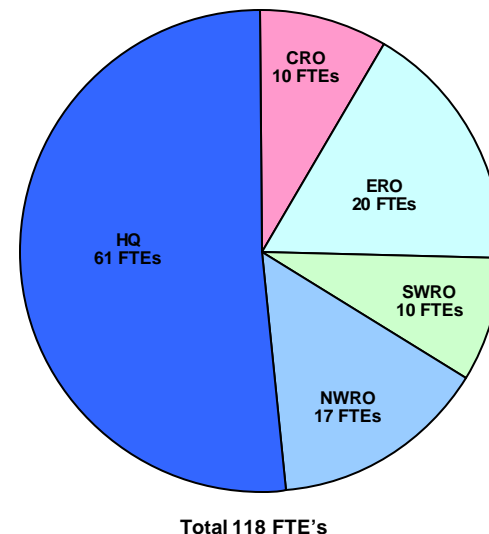
Air Quality Program Investments

FTE Distribution by Program Priority



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FTE's by Location



Budget (01-03)

